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H. L. Strang, Esq.,

Collegiate Institute,

Goderich.

My dear Dr. Strang:

It is very kind of you to write and express your sympathy with me in the matter of the German professors. My own attitude is simply this: whenever the people of the Province through the Government or the Legislature say that Germans are not to be employed in the University as a department of the public service or in any other public capacity, my road would be clear, and I would be quite willing to say that we should run the University without them, but until that time we should not dismiss them without cause. Hitherto I have not found any real reason for recommending their dismissal. I cannot see that they have ben misusing their positions. Not a suggestion has ever been made to me by any one who knows within the University that they have been instilling German ideas into the minds of their classes, nor have they been using their positions to interfere with our just enthusiasm for our own cause. We must be fair to them as we have to live with them afterwards. There is a great deal of high feeling over the matter, but one hopes that the reasonable view will prevail, though we cannot tell at present what the outcome may be. I am very grateful, however, to know that I have the sympathy of many and among other of yourself. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.